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SUBJECT: DRP'S POLICY CHAIRMAN ASSERTS SOUTH KOREA WILL NOT
"GO NUCLEAR"

1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, PAK CHUN-KYU, RULING
PARTY'S (DRP) POLICY CHAIRMAN, STATED THAT ROKG SEES
NO NECESSITY FOR HAVING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT PRESENT

TIME, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED IT HAS CAPABILITY OF PRODUCING
THEM. HIS JUNE 10 REMARKS FOLLOWED TWO WEEK VISIT TO
JAPAN.

2. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT GOJ AS WELL AS JAPANESE
PUBLIC ARE TAKING "NEW LOOK AT THEIR OWN NATIONAL SECURITY
INTERESTS" INWAKE OF COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN VIETNAM
AND CAMBODIA. HE SAID JAPAN HAS COME TO UNDERSTAND ROKG
DEFENSE STANCE WELL. WHILE THIS DOES NOT MEAN
REVIVAL OF JAPANESE MILITARISM, JAPAN MIGHT GO NUCLEAR
IF SOUTH KOREA FALLS UNDER COMMUNIST RULE.

COMMENT: PAK CHUN KYU'S LINE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY
PRESIDENT PARK, WHO DURING RECENT INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT
NOVAK, MADE SIMILAR REMARKS, NOTING THAT ROK HAD CAPACITY TO
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PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS BUT WOULD NOT DO SO AS LONG AS

U.S. NUCLEAR UNBRELLA REMAINS OVER KOREA.
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